

LITERARY NOTES.

"Historic Notes of Life and Letters in Massachusetts" is the promising title of an unpublished MS. which has been found among Mr. Emerson's papers. The essay will appear in the October number of *The Atlantic*.

Dr. Charles Mackay's new volume of poems "Inverness and Undertones" is in press. So is Mr. Buchanan's novel, "Aman Water."

A second edition of E. Muntz's "Life of Raffaelle" will be splendidly illustrated by additional original drawings which the author is now collecting in England. There are many of great merit, as for instance two heads, the "Madonna and Child," executed on prepared paper with the silver point, measuring four and one-half inches by five and one-half inches. This gem was acquired at the Wellby sale in 1856, the sum paid for it being £600. It is commonly believed to be a study for the "Gargantua Madonna," generally known as the Aldobrandino Madonna, now in the National Gallery. It has, however, been ascertained that it is a sketch for the Virgin and Child now in the possession of Mr. J. R. Mackintosh. Another superb drawing is that representing "The Entombment." It is one of the many sketches in pen and bistre for the celebrated picture in the Borghese Palace at Rome. Another is a sheet containing sketches for some of the figures in the "theology" called "The Discourse on the Sacrament," painted in the Vatican about 1509. In the upper left corner of the sheet is a sonnet by Raffaelle. Finally, there is a finished study representing Jacob's dream, formerly in the collection of Sir Thomas Lawrence. Raffaelle painted this subject twice in the Vatican, once on the ceiling of the chamber of Heikolorus and again in the Loggia.

A collection of twenty sermons by Professor David Swinburne is soon to be published by Jansen, McClurg & Co.

Miss Blanche W. Howard's new novel will be published this autumn by Messrs. James R. Osgood & Co. It is considerably larger than her other works. It is entitled "Gwen: A Wave on the Breton Coast," and will be freely illustrated by Edward E. Simmons, a clever young American artist, now living abroad.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg, the only brother of Queen Victoria's husband, is about to publish his private memoirs. The Duke is known for his literary and artistic attainments. Many distinguished German authors, such as Gustav Freytag and Paul Lindau, have enjoyed his immediate patronage, while his musical acquirements were exemplified by an opera, performed some years ago at Kroll's Theatre in Berlin. It is this poetical temperament which causes the publication of his memoirs to be viewed with apprehension in Court circles, in that it is apt to cause a writer to color the memory of past events with his own peculiar views and leanings, instead of bringing it to the touchstone of historical accuracy. It is stated that attempts have been made in several quarters to dissuade the duke from his intention, but that he regards it as a duty to his country to give it the advantage of the very important private information which a long life spent in the highest circles of Europe has naturally put into his possession.

Mr. William Black's forthcoming novel is to be entitled "Judith Shakespeare: Her Love Affairs and Other Adventures." Mr. E. A. Abbey will illustrate the story, the scene of which is laid at Stratford-upon-Avon, and which is to appear serially in *Harper's Magazine*. The first instalment will be published in January.

Mr. Swinburne's present work is an essay upon the portion of "La Légende des Siècles."

The first number of the Macmillans' new magazine will contain a story by William Black, "The Supernatural Experiences of Patsy Cong." Miss Yonge will contribute to the magazine a novel entitled "The Armorer's Prentices."

Mr. Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," is bringing out a new book.

Among the many benefits bestowed upon Russia by Alexander II., prominent rank must be given to his contributions to the Imperial Public Library at St. Petersburg. A catalogue of the gifts to it made during his life has just been published. It forms a remarkable memorial of the taste and culture as well as of the public spirit of the dead Emperor. First on the list is the celebrated "Codex Sinaiticus," and scarcely less valuable is the Tischendorf collection of palimpsests and Greek and Oriental manuscripts. Of the Czar's other gifts the most noteworthy are a collection of Oriental manuscripts brought together by Prince D. Dolgorouki, collections of Hebrew manuscripts, some ancient Slavonic manuscripts, a collection of very ancient Coptic copies of the Koran, a collection of Georgian manuscripts, the well-known Adelung library of manuscripts and ancient printed books, a copy of the Gospels in Syriac and Arabic dating from 1469, a magnificent example of Firdousi's "Shah-Nama," the original score of Weber's "Oberon," a large collection of Samaritan manuscripts, M. Tobler's fine collection of works of Palestine, Count Simonovich's collection of Oriental parchments, and an almost perfect medical library purchased from Dr. Lauth, of Strasburg. The late Czar also handed over nearly all the literary treasures of the Hermitage to the Public Library, in the extinction of which he took a keen and unflagging interest up to the day of his death. Under these circumstances, it is satisfactory to find that the generosity of Alexander II. is fully appreciated by foreign scholars as well as by the inhabitants of the Russian capital. The number of readers in 1881 was 115,955, and the number of manuscripts applied for was nearly fifty thousand.

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